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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES
OF PHILADELPHIA.
1864.

January 5th.

Vice-President VAUX in the Chair.

Twenty members present.

A letter was read from Thomas B. Wilson, M. D., Newark, Del., January 1, 1864, acknowledging his election as President of the Academy.

The following was presented for publication: "The Crania of *Colymbus torquatus* and *C. Adamsii* compared." By Elliott Coues, M. D.

January 12th.

Vice-President VAUX in the Chair.

Thirty members present.

The following were presented for publication:

"Description of a New Genus of the Family Melanidæ." "Description of Eleven New Species of Melanidæ," and "Description of *Planorbis Newberryi*." By Isaac Lea.

"Thoughts on the Influence of Ether in the Solar System," etc. By Alexander Wilcocks, M. D.

"Descriptions of New Polydesmidæ," and "Descriptions of New Iulidæ." By Dr. H. C. Wood, Jr.

On leave granted, Mr. Cassin presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, our eminent and highly-esteemed associate and President, ISAAC LEA, LL. D., having declined being a candidate for re-election to the position of chief officer of this Academy, has retired therefrom:—

Resolved, That the Academy does hereby express its most grateful
1864.]